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Harborough District Community Safety Partnership



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## *Welcome*

This is our first Community Safety Partnership (CSP) e-newsletter, by which we aim to keep you up to speed with the work of the partnership and how it is helping to keep individuals and neighbourhoods safer.

In this first edition we will be reporting on 'Ask for Angela', contacts for reporting crime and disorder and the priorities and objectives that have been set for the new financial year.

The CSP is made up of Harborough District Council, Leicestershire County Council, the Police, Fire Service, and Turning Point.

There is further information on the Community Safety Partnership, at [www.harborough.gov.uk/communitysafety](http://www.harborough.gov.uk/communitysafety)

## *Ask for Angela*

# #YOURANGELA

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ASK FOR ANGELA VISIT  
[LEICESTERSHIRE.GOV.UK/ASKFORANGELA](http://LEICESTERSHIRE.GOV.UK/ASKFORANGELA)

Available at participating venues throughout Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, the 'Ask for Angela' initiative aims to provide customers with a way to remove themselves from an uncomfortable situation while on a date.

By "asking for Angela", an individual is alerting staff that they require help. They will be taken aside, or to a safer location, so they can speak in confidence to that staff member about what assistance they need.

Options available to staff include: offering to call a taxi for the individual; providing a safe place for them to contact their friends or family; or requesting that the individual causing the distress leaves the venue.

More information and details on venues taking part in the scheme can be found on

[www.leicestershire.gov.uk/AskforAngela](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/AskforAngela)

## *Contacts for reporting crime and disorder*



**999** - If there is a direct and immediate threat to life / limb or to property  
Or prompt attendance is required to catch suspects in the act of committing a crime, or have just committed the crime

**101** – for non-emergency situations - for example where no immediate police response is required or does not require police attendance at all.

Your local Police Officers are:

**Harborough North** – includes Fleckney, Kibworth and Thurnby areas

Sgt 808 Gurpreet Mulley, PC 1524 Steve Winn

**Lutterworth**

Sgt 808 Gurpreet Mulley, PC 1261 Andy Cooper

**Harborough and the Bowdens**

Sgt 1687 John Weston, PC 2178 Malcolm Roberts, PC 1523 Paul Williams

**Broughton Astley and Walton**

Sgt 1687 Weston, PC 4480 Michelle Skingsley

**Individual officers** - If you know the identification (collar) number of a particular officer, you can leave a message. Dial 101 - follow the instructions and when prompted, enter the officer's identification number to leave a message.

**Email** - If you know who your local police officer is, you can email them with non-urgent enquiries by going to Local Policing section of the website.

[www.leics.police.uk/contact](http://www.leics.police.uk/contact)

**Community Safety Team**, Environmental Health or to report Flytipping, abandoned vehicles and nuisance dogs to Harborough District Council on 01858 828282 or online [www.harborough.gov.uk/communitysafety](http://www.harborough.gov.uk/communitysafety) or via email at [communitysafety@harborough.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@harborough.gov.uk)

**0800 555 111** – Crimestoppers - If you have information about crime and want to remain anonymous.

## *CSP priorities and objectives 2018-2019*



### **To reduce acquisitive crime**

*Work to reduce domestic burglary within the district*

*Work to reduce theft from motor vehicles*

*Work to reduce retail crime*

*Raise awareness of rural acquisitive crime and prevention*

### **To tackle anti-social behaviour**

*Work to reduce incidents of ASB*

*Continue to raise awareness and understanding of ASB*

### **Raise awareness of, and enforcement of the FATAL Four**

*Work to reduce incidents of:*

*Speeding,*

*Mobile phone use,*

*No Seatbelt*

*Drink and drug driving*

### **To identify and support vulnerable individuals and families**

*Promote the referral services and support available for domestic abuse victims*

*Increase the reporting of Hate Incidents*

*Raise awareness of Child Sexual exploitation*

*Increase awareness of PREVENT*

*Raise awareness of Financial Fraud*

### **Raise awareness of Cybercrime**

*Online Fraud*

*Online Child Sexual exploitation*

*Cyber bullying*

*Online radicalisation*

### **Cross cutting priorities**

To prevent and raise awareness of the effects of substance misuse

To reduce reoffending

The CSP priorities build on previous work agreed in our Three Year Plan, link to trends set out in our Strategic Assessment and address current community concerns. The priorities also link to the Police and Crime Plan ensuring a joined up approach to tackling crime and disorder.

## Current campaigns

**Fridge Magnets** - The CSP have designed this fridge magnet to make reporting anti-social behaviour easier. These can be collected from the Symington Building.

**Lighter Nights** - A seasonal campaign urging people to be mindful of their actions in an effort to combat anti-social behaviour, following the clocks 'springing' forward. It ties in with the county-wide 'Respect and Tolerate' campaign.

For further details on Anti-Social Behaviour and reporting issues:-

[www.harborough.gov.uk/communitysafety](http://www.harborough.gov.uk/communitysafety)

**Shed Thefts** - We are also highlighting shed breaks and urge residents to keep their sheds locked and to use an alarm where possible.

[www.leics.police.uk/advice-and-information/crime-prevention/burglary/garden-crime](http://www.leics.police.uk/advice-and-information/crime-prevention/burglary/garden-crime)

**Cyber Crime** - We continue to raise awareness of cyber crime, and this month we have been using social media to raise awareness of Computer Software Fraud.

- NEVER allow a cold caller remote access to your devices
- If you receive a call asking you to install apps/software - #HANGUP
- No legitimate business will cold call to assist with tech problems
- Your Internet Service Provider / Broadband provider WILL NOT cold call you about problems with your devices or your IP address – Always #HANGUP

You can find more advice on [www.getsafeonline.org/leicestershire](http://www.getsafeonline.org/leicestershire)



# Computer Software Service Fraud

| Spot the signs |

### Unsolicited calls

Unsolicited calls purporting to be from well known companies, such as your Internet Service Provider (ISP), or Microsoft, offering to provide technical support for a fee.

### Software installation

The caller instructs you to install certain software, or asks you to visit a particular website, so that they can gain remote access to your computer and "fix" the problem.

### Your information

The caller may already know some of your details (full name or address), and use that to gain your confidence and extract further personal and financial information from you.

### Browser pop-ups

Pop-ups purporting to be from well known companies, such as your ISP, or Microsoft, offering technical support and providing a number for you to call.

## *Current issues*

**Kibworth** - Following concerns about an increase in crime and anti-social behaviour, a multi-agency meeting was held on 18<sup>th</sup> March. This was very well attended and has resulted in the formation of a quarterly Community Focus group which will look at issues such as youth provision and community volunteers. The next meeting will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> June.

**Vehicle Crime** - There has been an increase in vehicle related crime across the district, this includes vehicles being stolen as well as being broken into and items taken.

The advice from the Police is:

- remove valuables from your vehicle including sat navs and support cradle and cables. Wipe away any suction pad marks
- don't leave tools in vans overnight
- make sure that doors are locked, windows are closed and keys are removed when you leave the car, even if it's only for a moment
- park your vehicle in a well-lit spot that is visible to others, or covered by CCTV
- consider fitting a metal cage to your catalytic convertor or have it etched
- register any vehicle equipment such as CD players, in-car DVD players, and sat navs, for free with [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

**Rural Crime – Church Metal thefts** – We have seen a number of Churches targeted for their lead roofs. Not only does this crime impact significantly upon the church due to the financial implications it also impacts on the local community who can lose the use of the church for the period of when repairs are required.

The Police need the communities help to identify those people responsible for these crimes and we would ask that where you have any concerns regarding suspicious people or vehicles near to your local church that you report it on 101.

You can also join Rural Watch which is a free scheme set up to support communities in fight against rural crime.

If you live, work or visit rural communities you are our eyes and ears. Join the police officers and a network of people who share information about crimes in rural areas, and help to reduce opportunities for crime to take place.

Together we can actively take steps to prevent crime, report suspicious incidents and provide education and reassurance on the issues that matter the most to rural communities.

To become a member of the scheme please email your name, address and contact details to [rural.watch@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:rural.watch@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)

**Red Phone Box Theft Alert** - Thieves have been touring the area trying to steal red telephone boxes. If you have one, please try to monitor it and get close neighbours involved. Please contact the police on 999 if anyone is 'working' on it.



## *Keep Safe Places*

A keep safe place is somewhere a person can go to when they feel unsafe, vulnerable or upset. Having venues locally can help people feel more confident and safe when they are out, knowing that assistance is available if required.

The following are Keep Safe Places within the Harborough District:

Broughton Astley library

Lutterworth Library

Market Harborough Library

Fleckney Library

If someone visits a keep safe place, and either says or looks like they need a help, a member of staff should offer to assist and they will then make a referral to First Contact Plus. First contact plus is a service that connects people with the most appropriate support across Leicestershire, be it housing, health, living independently, money advice, work or security.

You can self refer at [www.firstcontactplus.referral.org.uk/selfrefer](http://www.firstcontactplus.referral.org.uk/selfrefer)



## *Future campaigns*

**Noise Action Week** - Community Safety will be working with the Environment Team at HDC to raise awareness of how to resolve noise issues. There will be further information and posters available to download at [www.harborough.gov.uk/communitysafety](http://www.harborough.gov.uk/communitysafety)

**Safer Summer** - This year Incorporating the World Cup, the partnership will be attending a number of community events throughout the summer to raise awareness of various issues such as anti-social behaviour, domestic violence, acquisitive crime, and hate. We will also have a couple of adverts placed on HFM.

## *Photo opportunity*

If you have photos from around the Harborough District that you would like to have featured on the quarterly parish e-newsletter front page, please submit them to [r.woods@harborough.gov.uk](mailto:r.woods@harborough.gov.uk)

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